issued instructions to the State Governments/Union Territory Adminis-rations to implement these laws in an effective manner. Atrocities against women are a reflection of deeper social, cultural and economic factors as well. By mere formulation of laws for women alone it will not be possible to assure an equal status 'for women in society. Along with the effective implementation of laws it is necessary to bring about attitudinal changes in society, and complete and voluntay agencies to ensure women of India a rightful place in sociey.

Clearance of Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra

@ *235. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects of Maharashtra which have been pending clearance for more than two years; and

(b) what is the number of projects cleared so far and by when clearance in respect of the rest is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A statement giving the status of appraisal of major and medium irrigation projects of Maharashtra received up to 1989 and not given investment clearance is laid on the Table of the House. (See below).

(b) No project has been given investment clearance during the last two years. The clearance of the project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.

@Previously Starred Question 195, transferred from the 4th December, 1991.

Statement

Status ofAppraisal of Majobrand Muliam irrigation projects received upto 1989 *andnot given investment dearance*

Sl.No	Category	Major	Medium
1	Techno-economically examined and recommended to Planning Commission for investment clearance.	3	1
2	Techno-economicall0 examined anfd found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to compliance of certain observations such as obtaining clearance from evnironment and/or Forest angles concurrence of State Planning and Finance Department conjuctive use of ground water etc,	8	17
3	Techno-economically appraised but consideration deferred by Advisory Committee due to non clearance from a environment and forest angles,	1	..
	Techno-economic aspects examined and comments sent to State Government for compliance,	..	2
	Total:	12	20